

BECKER IN THE DEATH HOUSE AT SING SING; AFFECTING SCENE AS HE PARTS FROM WIFE

WEATHER—Fair to-night and Thursday; cooler.

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SIRENS ROAR, BANDS BLARE, AS BIGGEST BATTLESHIP IN WORLD GLIDES INTO RIVER

President Taft, Other Notables
and Crowd of 35,000 See the
New York Launched.

BARELY AVERT MISHAP.

Miss Calder Has Trouble
Breaking Wine Bottle on Ves-
sel's Bow, but Succeeds.

The battleship New York, the most
deadly and powerful warship ever put
into the water, named for the great-
est State of the United States and
New York built, was launched at 11
o'clock to-day.

The President of the United States,
the Secretary of the Navy and dis-
tinguished citizens of every walk of
life stood on the gay platforms about
the great ship's bow which jutted up
from the ground through the scaffold-
ing and bunting. Thirty thousand
people jammed as tight as sardines in
a can covered every spot of ground
from which the great spectacle could
be seen. The bands of four battle-
ships blared from every side of the
ship's hull and from under the stands
the thrilling strains of the "Star
Spangled Banner."

Down in a little hole under the ship
Constructor Stocker took the last of a
score of reports from his men at the
blocks and wedges along 573 feet of
steel, touched a button and signalled
Assistant Constructor Bailey and Chief
Carpenter Lord to throw down the
levers which lined the walls of the
little cell. He himself turned a valve
wheel, about twice as large as a silver
dollar, and a gallon of water trickled
to the ground.

Creaking, grating, snapping, the
great bulk began to slip.
On the high stand, right in front of
the President and his secretary, Miss
Kathleen Caldwell, daughter of the Con-
gressman, stood with the bottle of wine, in
its mesh silver case, swinging it gently
in her hand, aiming it for the steel
post. Beside her was little Kathleen
Fitzgerald, daughter of Congressman
John Fitzgerald, as attendant and
flower girl. The Congressmen were
there with their wives and were
just as excited as the girls.

A little bursting bell rang off to the
side of the platform.

"Now, dear now," called Mrs. Stock-
er, the wife of the constructor, who was
one of the little group in the upper
stand.

BOTTLE FAILS TO BREAK AT
FIRST ATTEMPT.
"Hit it! Hit it!" shouted Mr. Her-
bert Satterlee, who was standing be-
hind the mothers of the girls.
Miss Caldwell had been told there
would be three signals, and she had
been waiting for the third. Naval
Constructor Knox, leaning out from
the deck, far above, plucked at the
rope from which the bottle was swing-
ing. The ship was already almost
out of reach.

Miss Caldwell pushed rather than
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A NEW CUSTOMS RECORD.

Kronprinzessin Cecilie's Passen-
gers Paid \$45,000.

The record for the year in customs
collections from returning tourists was
established yesterday by the Kronprin-
zessin Cecilie of the North German Line.
Americans coming home on this vessel
paid into Uncle Sam's treasury the sum
of \$45,000. Of this \$35,000 was collected
on the pier yesterday and \$10,000 was
collected on appraised articles at the
Appraiser's Stores to-day.

Passengers on the Baltic three weeks
ago paid in over \$40,000 customs duties,
this standing as the next highest con-
tribution of the year.

Fashion Magazine Free Next Sun-
day.
The November issue of May Maston's Illus-
trated Fashion Magazine, eight pages, in color,
showing all the latest styles, will be given free
with our Sunday's World.

SHERMAN'S DEATH QUESTION NOW ONLY OF HOURS

Doctor So Reports After Visit
to Vice-President, Who Is
Steadily Sinking.

HAD DELIRIOUS SPELL.

In Almost Continuous Sleep
While His Family, Hopeless,
Awaits the End.

UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 29.—"Vice-Presi-
dent Sherman's death is a question of
only a few hours," said Dr. Peck when
he left the Sherman residence this af-
ternoon. The Vice-President was delir-
ious when he awoke for a few minutes
early this morning. He then relapsed
into a heavy sleep. It is not believed
Mr. Sherman will survive the next
twenty-four hours.

Dr. Peck said further that Mr. Sher-
man's kidneys had refused to act since
2 o'clock yesterday and that most of
the time since his patient had been in
a comatose condition. After he awoke
early today in a delirious state he
soon dropped into sleep and has re-
mained oblivious to the world since. He
has not been rational since Monday
night. Dr. Peck expects the end during
this afternoon or to-night.

Members of the Vice-President's fam-
ily have made themselves ready for the
final summons to his bedside.
A bulletin issued at 10:30 A. M. said:
"Vice-President Sherman's condition con-
tinues desperate. He is sleeping quiet-
ly and slept all night long. His pulse
is 100, respiration 25, temperature prac-
tically normal."

At 1:45 o'clock a brief bulletin was
issued from the home of Vice-President
Sherman saying that there had been no
particular change in his condition and
adding that "there is no favorable sym-
ptom whatever."

Information is not given out very
freely, but it is understood that the
comatose condition has continued prac-
tically unbroken throughout the day
and that the uremia remains unchanged.

The extremely critical condition
of the patient has caused many rumors
of the death of the Vice-President, and
the local newspaper offices have been
flooded with inquiries.

Dr. Peck is entirely without hope for
his patient, but says it is impossible to
determine just when the end will come.
At 2:30 o'clock a report came from
Mr. Sherman's bedside that his condition
was still most critical. His kidneys
were still inactive and life was sustained
apparently only by the patient's great
natural vigor.

At 2:15 o'clock Dr. Peck stated that
there would probably be no change in
Mr. Sherman's condition from six to
twelve hours.

There was no change in the Vice-
President's condition at 3:15 o'clock.
He remained in a stupor and was slowly
sinking.

At 4:15 this afternoon Vice-President
Sherman was being kept alive by oxy-
gen.

TAFT SENDS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO MRS. SHERMAN.

UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 29.—At 3:30 Mrs.
Sherman, wife of the Vice-President,
received this message from President
Taft this afternoon:
"Mrs. Taft and I have been greatly
shocked and disturbed to hear of the
present illness of the Vice-President and
I send you this message of sympathy
with the hope that the symptoms may
become more favorable and your hus-
band restored to his friends and country."
(Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT.

POLICE CHIEF THREATENED.

Told to Leave Buffalo Force or
"Be Bowed to S. O. B. R."

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 29.—A letter
threatening the life of Superintendent of
Police Michael Regan, should he fail to
comply with the demand of the writers,
was received at Police Headquarters to-
day. The letter reads:
"We, a secret organization of men,
demand that you retire from the police
force without delay. If you do not
comply with our wishes before this com-
ing Election Day you will be bowed to
S. O. B. R."

At 4:15, the police learned, a man
answering the description of Wilmar
had taken passage on the Niagara.

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Becker, Handcuffed to a Deputy Sheriff, on the Way to the Death House in Sing Sing (Specially Photographed at Ossining This Afternoon by an Evening World Staff Photographer.)



WOMEN LEAD RIOT; POLICEMAN SHOT, ANOTHER STABBED

Knife Wielded by Woman as
Strikers at Little Falls
Fight Guards.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 29.—Armed
women led a strike riot in front
of the Phoenix mill here early to-day
in which Michael Haley of this city, a
special policeman, was shot and De-
tective John Kennedy of Albany was
stabbed. The trouble started when
Chief Long attempted to break up the
massed picketing at the mill entrance.

The police were immediately ordered
to draw their clubs and charge the
pickets. The latter resisted and the
fighting became general.
Mayor George R. Lunn of Schenectady
was held to-day for the action of the
Grand Jury by Judge Collins on a
charge of refusing to obey Sheriff
Moon's command to move along when
the Sheriff was trying to disperse a
crowd in Clinton Park during the recent
agitation when the Socialists were ar-
rested for addressing strikers. The
prosecutor moved that no bail be re-
quired and that the Mayor be allowed
to go on his own recognizance. This
was granted.

WARSHIPS TO SAN DOMINGO.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Increasing
disorder in San Domingo and desperate
street fighting in the outskirts of Puerto
Principe, threatening American lives and
property, caused the Navy Department
to-day to order the immediate despatch
of two warships, the cruiser Baltimore
and the tender Yankton, to Dominican
waters.

Pastor Russell on "Armageddon."
Assembly of Music, 5th Ave. P. M. Nov. 1st.

SIX NUNS KILLED SAVING CHILDREN AT ASYLUM FIRE

Two Little Charges Also Lose
Their Lives in Flames at San
Antonio Orphanage.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 29.—Six
Sisters of Charity sacrificed their lives
in an attempt to save eighty-seven
children in a fire that destroyed St.
John's Orphanage to-day. They suc-
ceeded in rescuing all but two children
before they were trapped by flames.

The dead sisters are:
Mother Mary of the Cross, Mother Su-
perior of the Asylum. She was Mary
Rossiter, native of Wexford, Ireland.
Mother Frances Pasteur, native of
France.

Sister Peter Claver Stevin, teacher in
San Fernando School, native of Dublin,
Ireland.

Sister Leonadia Nolan, teacher in San
Fernando School, native of Dublin, Ire-
land.

Sister Monica Montez, native of Mex-
ico.

Sister Kostka Farrell, native of Kaidar,
Ireland.

The injured are: Miss A. D. Temple
and Miss E. Standish, employees.
The fire's origin is not yet known.
Eighty-seven orphan children, ranging
from infancy to sixteen years of age,
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BECKER FIGHTS WAY THROUGH BIG CROWD TO SING SING PRISON

Hurried Away After He Calmly
Hears Justice Goff Sentence Him
to Die in the Chair in the
Week of Dec. 9

WIFE RIDES WITH HIM ON WAY TO DEATH HOUSE

Shackles Are Removed While They
Are On the Train—Con-
demned Man Puts On
Prison Garb.

Charles Becker was lodged in a cell in the death house of Sing Sing
Prison at 2 o'clock this afternoon to wait through the long, weary day-
and-nights for the decision of the higher courts on his appeal. Even
within the prison walls, facing the corridor leading to the death cells and
filled with the knowledge that every convict, through the mysterious chan-
nels of communication current in prisons, knew he was there, Becker's
nerve remained steady.

When his pedigree had been taken in the prison office and the neces-
sary formalities had been completed, Becker embraced his wife possibly
for the last time, for while he is in the death cell she will never be al-
lowed to approach within reaching distance of him. She broke down in
this final parting, but regained her courage later and proceeded to set
about engaging lodgings in Ossining Village so that she may be near her
husband.

CROWDS OUT TO SEE PRISONER.

There was no excitement at Grand Central station attending the
departure of Becker for Sing Sing after he had been sentenced by Justice
Goff to die in the week of Dec. 9. Nor was there a crowd around the
train, for it was not known in New York that he was to be taken to
prison to-day. But all up along the line from New York to Ossining
there were crowds at every station, and gaping men and women and
boys passed through the coaches at every stop anxious for a look at
the convicted police officer.

Sheriff Harburger and his deputies smuggled Becker, handcuffed
to Deputy Carroll, into the Grand Central station by a private entrance
from Lexington avenue. With his guard of officers, Becker crossed
three lines of coaches on the lower station level and was admitted to the
smoker of the Ossining train, which had not been opened to passengers.

"Please take these off," said Becker, stretching out his manacled
hands. "It's all right. I won't try to get away."

SHACKLES TAKEN FROM HANDS.

Mrs. Becker, who had followed her husband from the Criminal
Courts Building and reached the smoker a moment after he had selected
a seat in the middle of the car, also pleaded that the handcuffs be re-
moved. Sheriff Harburger consented. The Sheriff and his four deputies,
Carroll, Healy, Conlon and Winters grouped themselves close to Becker,
and Becker's wife sat down beside him.

Becker placed his left arm around his wife's waist and drew her
closely to him. They sat that way until Ossining was nearly reached
when Becker moved to the outside of the seat and placed his right arm
around his wife. Oblivious to the passing scenery and to the gaping
crowds that passed back and forth through the car, they talked rapidly,
and apparently cheerfully. Both smiled at times, and it was apparent
that Becker was putting forth every effort to keep up his wife's spirits.

As the train passed through the tunnel outside the prison, and the
brakes began to grind for the stop at Ossining station, Mrs. Becker
kissed her husband and started to leave the seat. Becker strained her to
his breast.

"Little woman," he said, "you're all gold. Keep up your spirits.
We'll beat it yet and go far away and begin all over again." The woman
broke down. Leaning her face on her husband's shoulder she sobbed
without restraint, and she was sobbing when the train stopped at the
station and the deputy sheriffs gently pulled her away and slipped the
handcuffs on the wrists of the prisoner.

Mrs. Becker had rested her head on several minutes. During these epi-
sodes of Becker's great love for his wife, his friends withdrew and left the
about her shoulder, she had contentedly couple to the few moments they had to-
gether. Constantly he hugged and kissed her. When the train man shouted "Ossin-
ing," Becker drew his wife to her feet.